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Occupy is newest homeless shelter

Tension grows among Occupy Philly organizers as city's homeless put a strain on resources Meals, clothing and shelter make the group a magnet for some {page 03}

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▶ Homeless advocates Rob Hunter, right, and Bhagavata Ananda said the homeless are like neighbors.

News

Netflix has lost nearly $10 billion

Price hikes and ultimately unsuccessful attempt to split streaming, DVDs sent Wall St. darling into dumps {page 06}

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Occupy Philly outnumbered?

One organizer said the homeless population is starting to put a strain on resources ◗ Others say they welcome indigent as neighbors and part of the 99 percent ◗ City officials claim group is ill-suited to provide help

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Occupy Philly member Rob Hunter sits near a station that provides blankets and clothing.

As Occupy Philly's tent encampment grows, so does the community's homeless population, which worries some of the group's leaders.

"It makes sense. Ninety-five percent of what we do here helps the homeless – meals, housing, shelter," said Rob Hunter of the comfort committee. "We're here to stand up for the 99 percent and they're certainly the most vulnerable."

The issue has caused tension among Occupiers as some committees are feeling the pressure of resource strain in terms of both supplies and manpower more than others.

"The homeless have outnumbered the Occupiers," an organizer with the safety committee said. "We are totally overwhelmed. We don't have the training or social services to meet their needs."

She said that it has been difficult for her to participate in the political side of the movement because she is constantly dealing with effects of attendant drug and mental health issues that often compound the problem of homelessness.

Still, many other Occupiers welcome the community, and they are becoming better integrated with the movement. "We invite them quite a bit," said Steve Ross of the media committee. "When I'm walking on the street, I say, 'Come here, there's free food,' and a lot of them do."

The city's Office of Supportive Housing said that city shelter numbers, which hover around a 96 percent occupancy rate, have not seen any decrease. But she also noted that Center City has a robust street homeless population.

"It was a little rough in the beginning, but a lot of the homeless volunteer," Hunter said. "We're like neighbors, now."

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Don't compare

Dainette Mintz of the Office of Supportive Housing said that Occupiers are ill-equipped to provide the services the homeless population needs.

- "It appears that they don't realize that we, unfortunately, already had a street homeless population before they arrived that occupied the plaza," she said. The department's last count estimated 370 street homeless in Center City alone.
- "If they are not providing people with a permanent housing plan, then I don't think they compare to what the city does."
- There are about 810 people out of 977 beds at the city's single male shelters

911 hoax during traffic stop

NEW JERSEY. A woman who allegedly called 911 from her car during a police traffic stop is behind bars.

Gloucester Township police said Robert Webb and Janora Carter, both of Camden, were pulled over around 11:30 p.m. Monday. Carter allegedly called 911 and reported a man with a gun in a convenience store, hoping to distract officers. Both were arrested for outstanding warrants.

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Task force probes PECO mess

HOLMESBURG. The joint terror task force consisting of the FBI, ATF and police are reportedly investigating two suspicious incidents at a PECO substation.

Someone cut a hole in the fence, poured gas onto a transformer and set it on fire early yesterday morning. The blaze was extinguished without major damage. A week ago, someone put a gas can with protruding wires near a transformer, then removed it before the bomb squad arrived.

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Two men charged in shootings

KENSINGTON. Two men are in critical condition after two unrelated police-involved shootings Monday.

In the first incident, officers were looking for a suspect in an earlier shooting when Krandale Smalls, 27, allegedly opened fire, hitting the side of the police cruiser.

The officer shot Smalls twice.

Later, officers allegedly saw Jose Delvalle, 39, carrying a revolver and ordered him to drop it, but instead he turned the gun on police before they fired, hitting him twice.

Delvalle was hospitalized in critical condition. METRO

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By the numbers

Gov. Tom Corbett's education vouchers overcame their first hurdle yesterday.

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Number of votes in favor of a bill advancing Gov. Tom Corbett's main education initiatives from the Senate Education Committee yesterday, with two "no" votes. The bill could have a full Senate vote as early as today.

▶ Corbett

88

Of the 143 schools that scored in the bottom 5 percent are in Philadelphia, according to a list released Tuesday. Students attending those schools would be eligible for taxpayer funded vouchers to private schools.

$100M

Proposed amount of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit, which would go to businesses that provide funds for after-school programs or academic organizations.

$29K

The income limit for a family of four to be eligible for a full tuition voucher if their child attends a school in the bottom 5 percent in the commonwealth. METRO

Council takes on raccoons

▶ Lawmakers claim residents beset by the critters with no help from the city ▶ Proposed plan to trap animals without killing them is illegal, officials claim

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▶ Kenney and Councilman Wilson Goode share a chuckle yesterday about raccoons.

A City Council committee yesterday debated legislation introduced by Councilman Darrell Clarke that would allow animal control to nonlethally rid residents of nuisance raccoons.

Many councilmembers said that they have been inundated with calls from residents who can't pin down a city service to help them with their raccoon problems.

"It doesn't seem to be a concern to anyone unless they wake up with a furry pillow next to them," said North Philadelphia homeowner Jacqueline Johnson, who lives next door to an abandoned property and has raccoons coming through her ceiling.

Though serious, the issue led to some comical discussion about animal civil rights and dropping the critters off in the wild.

"This is the most bizarre public policy discussion I've ever been involved with," Councilman Jim Kenney said at one point, as raccoon-plagued residents and animal rights activists lobbied for and against the legislation.

"I don't understand. If rats had infested a house, you would be killing them and sealing up the house. Why do raccoons have more civil rights than rats?"
COUNCILMAN JIM KENNEY

"I live in the middle of North Philly. What would I look like chasing a raccoon down the street and trying to put it in a trap?" Johnson said.

Brian Abernathy of the managing director's office testified on behalf of the Nutter administration and said that the bill is not only fiscally impossible, but illegal. "State law does not allow us to do nonlethal abatement," he said. "The Pennsylvania Game Commission is very clear: If you trap a raccoon, it must be destroyed."

The bill was passed out of committee and could go for a full Council vote Nov. 3.

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A tweet deal from SEPTA

PHILADELPHIA. Starting Monday, SEPTA customers will be able to customize their Twitter feeds to get specific updates regarding their routes. The agency will provide service information on buses on one feed, but will create separate Twitter accounts for trolley, Regional Rail and other modes. Customers can still keep tabs on the entire system by following @septa. Visit septa.org for more information. METRO

Man killed by train

SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA. A man was struck and killed by a SEPTA train yesterday morning. The man was hit by the Media-Elwyn Regional Rail line near the 49th Street station at 49th Street and Chester Avenue shortly before 8 a.m. He was pronounced dead on the scene. Police had not yet released his identity as of last night. METRO

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Schools. Circus

▶ Performers with UniverSoul Circus treated 500 students to a sneak preview of the show in the school's auditorium.

Mastery charter gets Soul

City Council has often been described as a circus, and yesterday 4th District Councilman Curtis Jones brought the circus to students at Mastery Shoemaker in West Philadelphia as a reward for their academic excellence.

New snag for SEPTA fare updates

Transit authority wants to take another look at technology bidders

SEPTA has pushed back awarding a contract for its new fare system until next month so it can further study the bidders.

Officials were expected to finally announce tomorrow the recipient of the $100 million-plus contract, but said they want to do due diligence to reduce the potential for any court challenges after the contract has been awarded. The system will replace tokens and paper transfers and allow riders to pay using cell phones, debit cards and other smartcard technology.

"A challenge ends up spending a lot of time and a lot of money," said SEPTA spokesman Richard Maloney. "We want to make sure our process is as perfect as we can make it."

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MALONEY

The new fare system is expected to take a few years to install. Questions remain about changes to the fare system on Regional Rail lines, but SEPTA has said those discussions would not delay the award of a contract.

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Study: Liquor license sales net billions

HARRISBURG. The sale of retail and wholesale liquor licenses in the state could generate between $1.1 billion and $1.6 billion, according to a privatization study by Public Financial Management Inc. released yesterday by Gov. Tom Corbett.

$1.6B Maximum amount sale of retail and wholesale liquor licences could generate.

The study concludes that a privatized system would offer customer convenience and boost sales. The plan is similar to legislation currently proposed in the House. ● METRO

Teen driving bill signed

HARRISBURG. Gov. Tom Corbett signed into law yesterday legislation known as "Lacey's Law" that limits the number of juvenile passengers a junior driver can have in the car. It also makes failing to wearing a seat belt a primary offense for junior drivers and their passengers. ● METRO

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Netflix flops: On the company's rapid fall

The popular DVD-by-mail and online streaming service has suffered huge losses in valuation over the past year Where did it all go wrong?

Shares of one-time Wall Street darling Netflix plunged 34 percent in heavy trading yesterday, a day after the battered movie rental company warned of more subscriber defections and mounting costs.

On Monday, Netflix said it would see more cancellations as it grapples with the fallout from a price increase and other unpopular moves, including a failed attempt to split its online and DVD services into two separate companies.

"We believe the [Netflix] model is unsustainable, as the company faces rising costs that it hoped it could pass onto its [subscribers], who appear unwilling to do so," Janney Capital Markets said in a note to clients. The brokerage cut its rating on the stock to "sell."

The downward spiral for the shares started in July when the company that shook up Hollywood with its DVD-by-mail service announced a price increase for subscribers who wanted both DVDs and online streaming of movies and television shows.

Netflix — which is trying to recover from the roughest patch in its nearly 15-year history as it emphasizes online streaming of television and movies — forecast a loss for the first quarter of 2012 as it spends more to expand to Europe.

Netflix told investors on that DVD subscriptions would "decline sharply this quarter" but total U.S. subscribers, which includes customers who of its online streaming service, would be "slightly up."

Netflix has long enjoyed a near-monopoly in the online streaming space but the recent entry of new players Amazon.com and Google's YouTube could lead to subscribers switching to alternative services.

REUTERS

73%
Netflix valuation has taken a precipitous decline. Shares fell 34 percent to $77.93 in morning trading on Nasdaq, 73 percent lower than the high of just under $300 in July.

$9.76B Since July, **when the company announced a highly unpopular price increase, its market value has shrunk by about $9.76 billion.**

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▶ Reed Hastings, CEO of Netflix, has taken a huge financial loss in personal wealth over the past year.

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New Apple TV set could be next up

◗ Sources say tech giant working on its biggest screen yet ◗ Jobs told biographer he figured out an interface

Apple Inc. is turning to the software engineer who built iTunes to help lead its development of a television set, according to three people with knowledge of the project.

Jeff Robbin, who helped create the iPod in addition to the iTunes media store, is now guiding Apple's internal development of the new TV effort, said the people, who declined to be identified because his role isn't public.

Robbin's involvement is a sign of Apple's commitment to extending its leadership in smartphones and tablets into the living room. Before his Oct. 5 death, Apple co-founder Steve Jobs told biographer Walter Isaacson that he had "finally cracked" how to build an integrated TV with a simple user interface that would wirelessly synchronize content with Apple's other devices.

"It will have the simplest user interface you could imagine," Jobs told Isaacson in the biography "Steve Jobs," released Monday by Simon & Schuster.

Trudy Muller, a spokeswoman for Cupertino, California-based Apple, declined to comment. Outside of Jobs's remarks in the book, Apple hasn't acknowledged that it's developing a TV set.

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Don't ask WWJD

When Apple CEO Tim Cook took the microphone at a memorial tribute to Steve Jobs last week, he shared a piece of advice Jobs gave him before his death on Oct. 5.

"Among his last advice he had for me, and for all of you, was to never ask what he would do. 'Just do what's right,'" Cook said. Jobs wanted Apple to avoid the trap that Walt Disney Co. fell into after the death of its iconic founder, Cook said, explaining: "Everyone spent all their time thinking and talking about what Walt would do."

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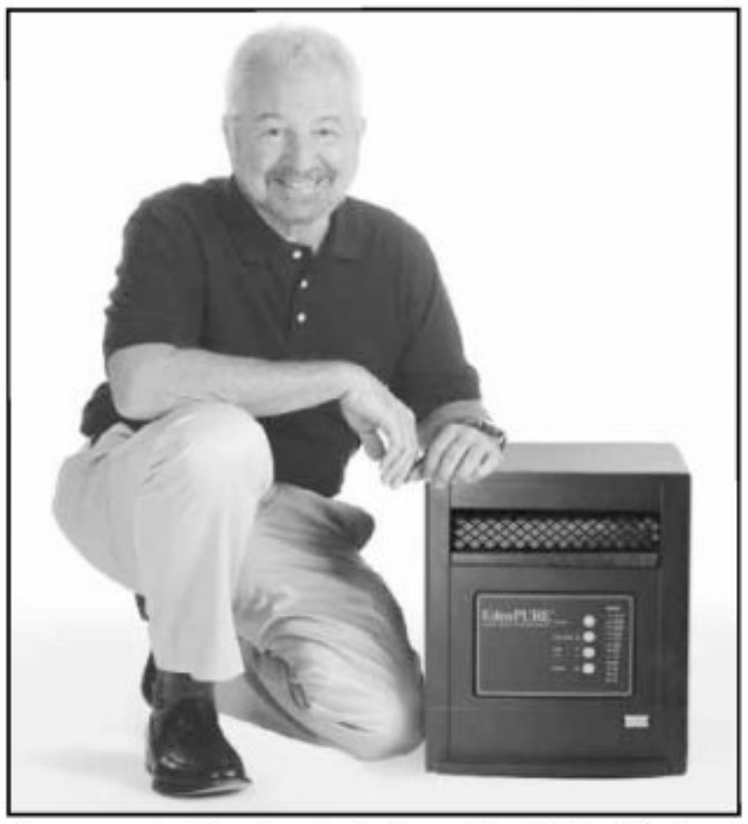

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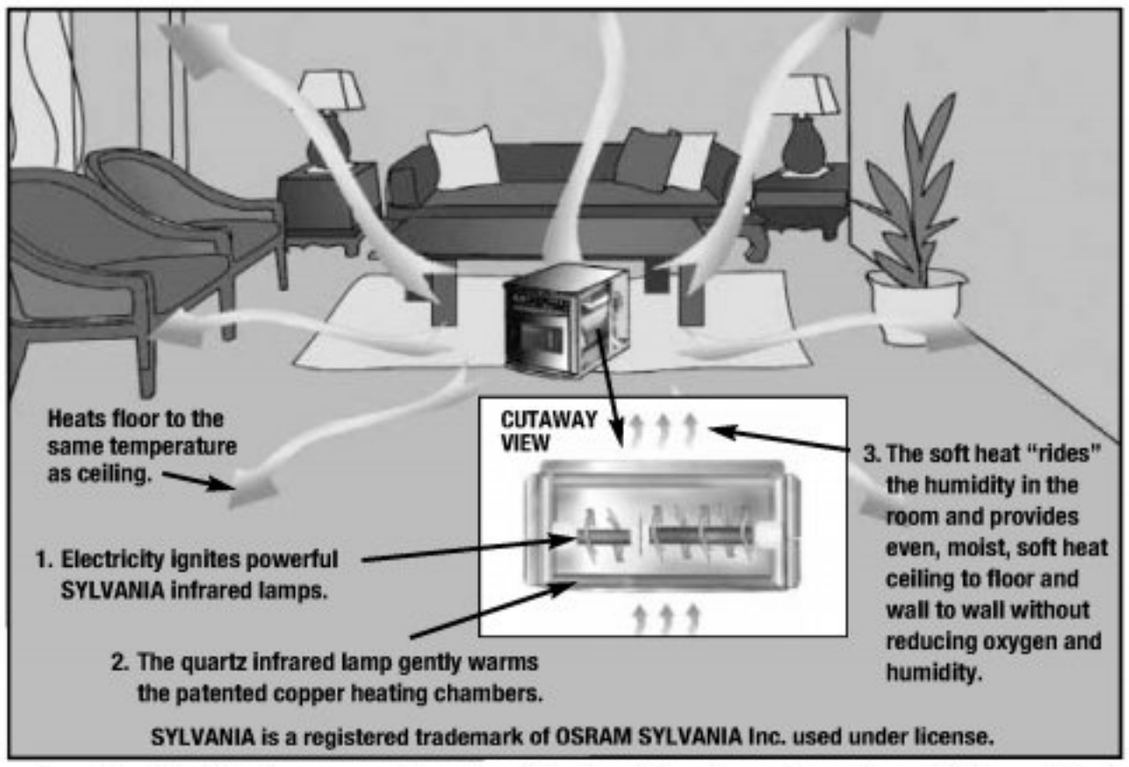
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Inglorious end to Libya strongman

Muammar Gaddafi and his son Mo'tassim were buried in a secret desert location yesterday, five days after the deposed Libyan leader was captured, killed and put on grisly public display.

Gaddafi's cleric, Khaled Tantoush, who was captured with him, prayed over the bodies before they were taken from the compound in the coastal city of Misrata — where they had been on show — and handed to two NTC loyalists for burial, officials said.

The NTC had worried many outsiders by displaying the corpses in a meat locker until their decaying state forced them on Monday to call a halt.

"I laughed when I saw him being beaten as he deserved to be. And I laugh again now that I know he is in the ground."
EMANI ZAID, 20, A STUDENT

Under pressure from Western allies, the NTC promised the same day to investigate how Gaddafi and his son were killed. Mobile phone footage shows both alive after their capture. The former leader was seen being mocked, beaten and abused before he died, in what NTC officials say was crossfire. **REUTERS**

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▶ The city of Sirte, above, has been destroyed in months of fierce civil war. Libya's new leaders began the tough task of forging an interim government uniting the nation's disparate political forces after 42 years of Gaddafi's iron-fisted rule.

Emergency efforts in Turkey ongoing

ERCIS, TURKEY. Rescuers pulled a 2-week-old baby girl alive from a collapsed apartment block yesterday as they battled to find survivors of an earthquake in eastern Turkey that killed more than 400 people and made tens of thousands homeless.

The baby's mother and a grandmother were also brought out alive on stretchers to jubilant cries from onlookers who followed the dramatic rescue under cold, pouring rain.

However, hope of finding more people alive under the rubble faded with every passing hour as more bodies were found. **REUTERS**

459 The death toll from Sunday's 7.2-magnitude quake has risen to 459, with 1,352 injured, the Disaster and Emergency Administration said.

Population to reach 7B

BAGHPAT, INDIA. The world's 7 billionth person will be born soon into a population more aware than ever of the challenges of sustaining life on a crowded planet but no closer to a consensus about what to do about it.

To some demographers the milestone foreshadows turbulent times ahead: nations grappling with rapid urbanization, environmental degradation and skyrocketing demand for healthcare, education, resources and jobs. **REUTERS**

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Lohan to pose naked for Playboy

Show us something we haven't seen before, Lohan. Maybe, like, personal responsibility?

So, this comes as no surprise: **Lindsay Lohan** will pose nude for Playboy, according to TMZ. The magazine is said to have initially offered the troubled actress $750,000, which she turned down. She agreed when they came back with a figure closer to her $1 million asking price. Work is already underway for the issue, as Lohan is said to have done her first revealing photo shoot over the weekend. "The photo shoot went well," her mother **Dina Lohan** tells X17 Online.

And now, friends, it's only a matter of time before she starts to star in soft-core porn on Cinemax. But, on the upside, this looks like the most productive, legit thing she's done in awhile.

The Kardashians: Coming to a bathroom near you

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▶ The Kardashian sisters promote their "Kardashian Kollection" at a Sears in California in September.

Is there no end to the **Kardashian** empire? The reality TV family-turned-moguls have filed documents with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to use the name "Kardashian Kollection Home" on an upcoming product line. TMZ.com reports that the Kardashians "plan to use the trademark on everything from bath mats to hand towels, pillow covers, sheets, golf towels, football towels, linens, candlesticks and even beer mugs."

There's no word on if Kardashian Kollection Home will be sold exclusively at Sears, where they currently sell their Kardashian Kollection of clothes, handbags, shoes, belts, jewelry, hosiery and sunglasses. (Does anyone else read Kardashian Kollection and think: "Krap"?) But if they think they're going to expand and encroach on **Martha Stewart**'s Home empire, they may want to think twice — or thrice. If anyone knows how to fashion a handmade shiv to ward off threats to her business, it's Martha Stewart.

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Talking points

Moore and Kutcher on set

Ashton Kutcher had a surprise visitor at work recently, as wife **Demi Moore** swung by the set of "Two and a Half Men," where the pair combated divorce rumors by acting "like a couple," a source says, according to Hollyscoop. "They were talking and smiling at each other. Everything seemed just like normal." Audience members watching the taping of the hit sitcom didn't know she was there, though: "Demi didn't come on the actual shooting set or anything — she never does — but she spent the day on the lot in his massive trailer," the source adds.

Lovato moves to Valderrama

Demi Lovato appears to be finding happiness in the arms of former flame **Wilmer Valderrama**, according to Life & Style. The pair reportedly turned heads at a recent party at "Family Guy" creator **Seth MacFarlane**'s home. "They showed up together and made no effort to hide that they're back together. They were stealing kisses throughout the night, holding hands and just seemed to enjoy being together," a source says. "Demi couldn't seem happier about it. They were dirty dancing to the music, and when they were seated, Wilmer had his hands on Demi's knee the entire time. He was being very boyfriend-like and affectionate."

▶ Valderrama

Bieber likes to rent for Gomez

Justin Bieber may have set a tough standard to maintain when he reserved the entire Staples Center in L.A. to watch "Titanic" with girlfriend **Selena Gomez**. He pulled off another private screening recently, renting out a movie theater in Winnipeg so the pair could watch "Real Steel," according to Us Weekly. "They made sure to keep everything really under wraps and private," a source says. And the next night, Bieber treated Gomez to a hockey game at the MTS Centre — though he opted for a private suite instead of renting out the entire complex.

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Justin Bieber is starstruck, Bette Midler is tickled by Bieber's fragrance line, Lady Gaga has a bit of a headache, and Lindsay Lohan is dealing with injuries.

▶ **@justinbieber**
Walker Texas Ranger was at our video shoot tonight.

▶ **@BetteMidler**
Justin Bieber has a scent? That's hilarious. It should be called "Someday I'm gonna Shave"....

▶ **@ladygaga**
DRINKS UP FOR MONSTERS. Just woke up with the hangover of the decade so a bloody mary should do. You always make me :).

▶ **@lindsaylohan**
How do u manage to get and eye abrasion from, the dentist's office!!!!!!!!!!! Night Night xx

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A few red-carpet stunners

1: Georgy Clooney and his latest squeeze, Stacy Keibler, attended the 15th annual Hollywood Film Awards Gala at The Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday. Clooney went on to win the Best Hollywood Actor Award for his performance in "The Descendants."

2: Emma Stone bagged the Hollywood Best Ensemble Cast Award with her fellow colleagues for "The Help" at the 15th annual Hollywood Film Awards Gala.

3: Michael Fassbender, Keira Knightley and Viggo Mortensen attended the Premiere of "A Dangerous Method" during the 55th BFI London Film Festival in England on Monday.

4: "Sex and the City" star Kim Cattrall spoke at "In Conversation with Kim Cattrall" in Toronto, Canada, on Monday.

5: Eddie Murphy (where have you been, Eddie?) attended the world premiere of upcoming crime-comedy "Tower Heist" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York City on Monday.

6: Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt arrived at the 15th Annual Hollywood Film Awards Gala, where he won the Hollywood Breakthrough Actor Award for his performance in "50/50".

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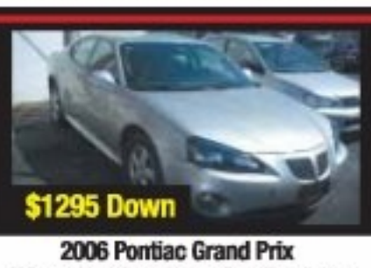
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▶ Mr. Atkinson — or maybe Mr. Bean? — greets his fans.

‘English Reborn,’ but Bean is dead

Rowan Atkinson won’t be reviving his beloved Mr. Bean character any time soon The actor on why his less popular bumbling superspy is back in theaters

Rowan Atkinson, the venerable British comic actor, is known for his bumbling, near-silent Mr. Bean. Now, he’s back in theaters with the blundering, very un-Bond-like British spy Johnny English. Bolstered by a surprising second life on DVD for the first film, Atkinson is hoping his spy has staying power. And if overseas box office receipts are any indication, he does.

The film has already had some impressive success around the world.

Yes, thank you. When you hear you’re the No. 1 movie in Malaysia and Hong Kong and Indonesia and all these other places you think: Well, that’s curious. You know, these cultures about which I know absolutely nothing.

Given the success of Mr. Bean and Johnny English, do you find people expect you to be a bit more dimwitted in real life?

Dimwitted? I’m not aware of that. [Laughs] Maybe I disappoint them — either by not being dimwitted enough or being more dimwitted than they thought I was going to be.

Where did you get the idea to revisit Johnny English from?

When the first Johnny English movie came out, people thought it was a bit cheap and cheerful. “Yeah, OK, three good jokes but then what?” And then it rather bizarrely established this reputation as a kind of DVD movie that children in particular can watch over and over and over again. The second re-exploitation, as they say.

Have you been tempted to revisit Mr. Bean?

Mr. Bean, I think, is dead and gone — well, not dead. Just retired. I don’t want him to get old, really. I’d rather that he’s as I remember him rather than as he would be now if I played him, because I’m definitely older than I was. I don’t think it’s because I couldn’t physically play him. I could probably still physically do it, but I feel as though his time has passed.

Giving himself the chair

During a tense briefing with the prime minister in “Johnny English Reborn,” Atkinson fails to control the raising and lowering of his office chair. It’s a classic bit of physical comedy; but, as Atkinson explains, a lot of thought goes into something so simple. “There’s something about the formality and the seriousness of the scene, which means that no one would ever dare do that or say that,” says Atkinson. “That they’d just pretend it’s not happening.”

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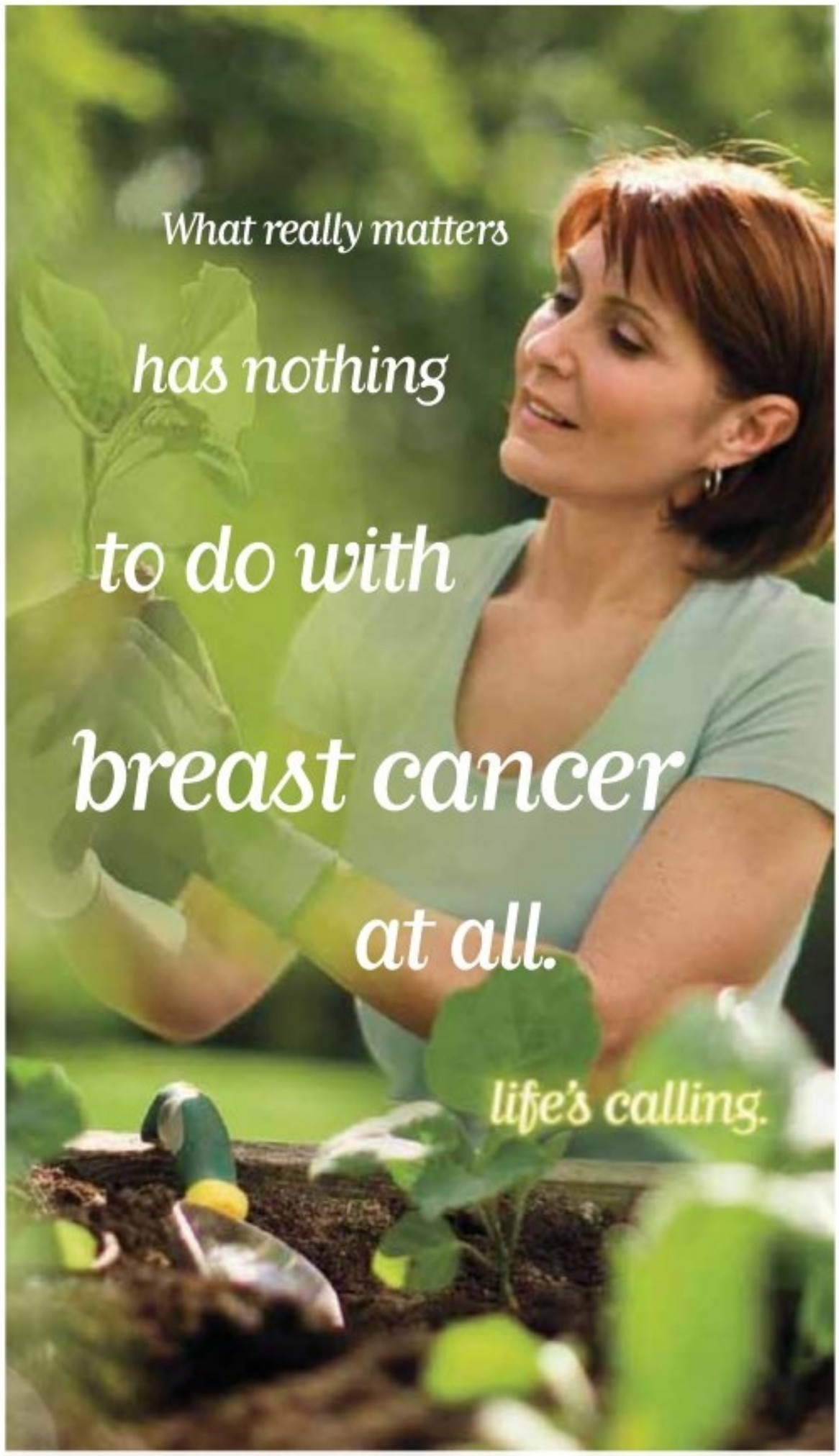

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CANT can make you forget that other band he's in

‘Dreams Come True’ for Chris Taylor ◗ Artist discusses the difference between his side project and Grizzly Bear

When Chris Taylor began working with publicists to promote CANT, his new side project, he contemplated not putting the name of his other band in the biography.

“I didn’t really see how people having that connection, between Grizzly Bear and this project, would be helpful,” he says. “I had to trust people who do this stuff — press, my manager — because if I can’t trust them, I shouldn’t have hired them in the first place. They just said, ‘No, we should definitely do that, it’s inevitable, people are obviously going to know it’s you and it seems silly if you try and pretend. It’ll just make you look silly.”

To be sure, Taylor does not look silly. And CANT’s recently released debut, “Dreams Come True,” is a force to be reckoned with, albeit a dark force. Where Grizzly Bear is harmonic and folky, CANT is electronic and moody. It’s as if one is a consequence of the other.

“When I got out of touring and recording — and production work in the meantime — which was six or seven years, I realized I had sacrificed a lot of personal relationships,” he says.

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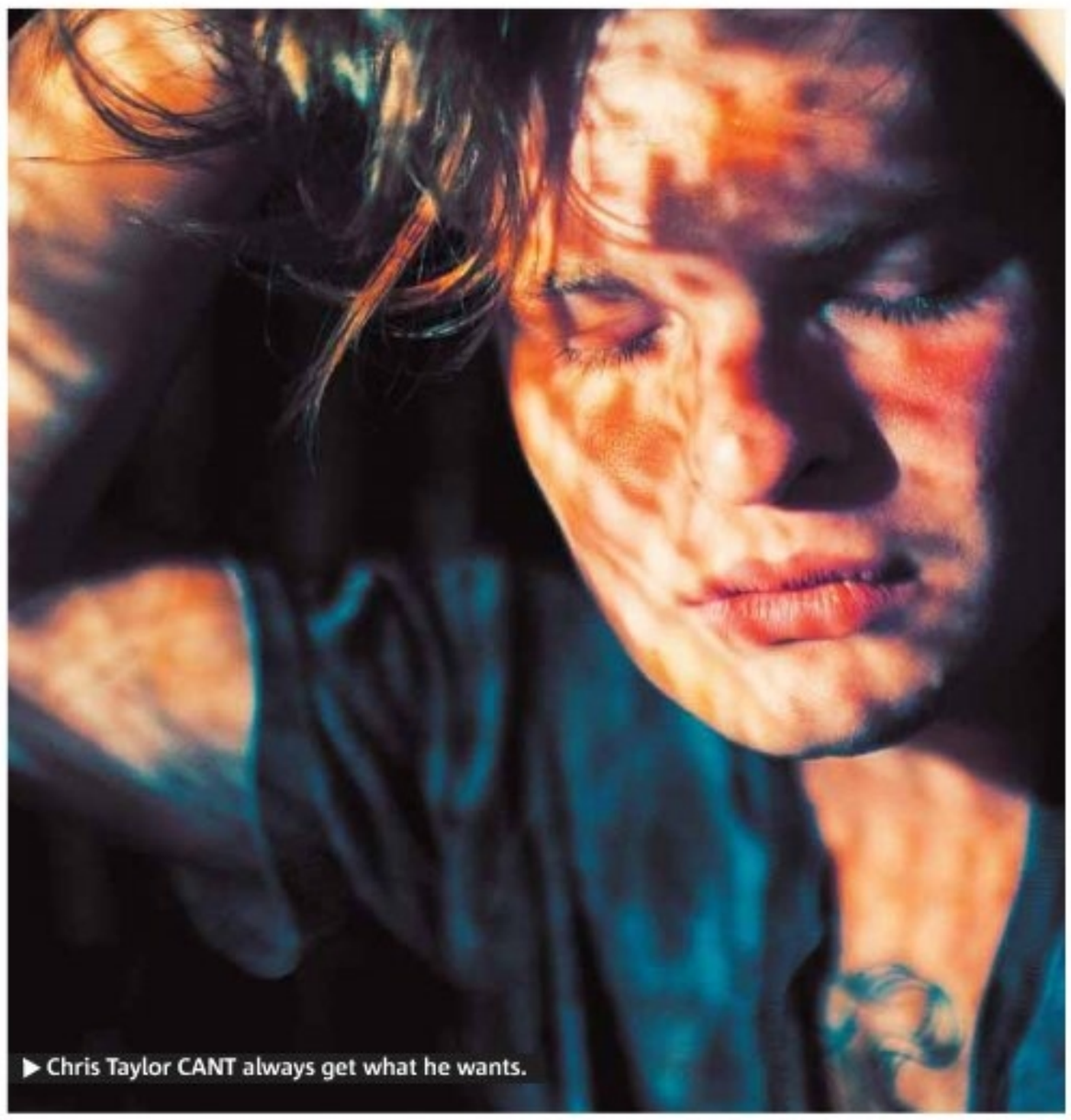

▶ Chris Taylor CANT always get what he wants.

‘Face fears’

It’s not as if Taylor has nothing to show for the time that he was neglecting his personal relationships. In addition to playing bass and producing Grizzly Bear albums, he has produced critically acclaimed albums by Twin Shadow and the Morning Benders, and he recently started his own label, Terrible Records. But with “Dreams Come True,” he confronts his decisions head-on.

“The whole idea of the record is sort of to deal with stuff, and face fears, and not shy away from them, especially the more scary ones,” he says.

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TV watch list

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▶ Penny (Casey Wilson) and Max (Adam Pally) wear a terrible tandem Halloween costume on "Happy Endings."

'Happy Endings'

COMEDY. Couples costumes are never a good idea. Particularly when Penny's date bails and Max steps in to save the day — dressing up as the baby strapped to "momma" Penny in a Baby Bjorn. Scary!
9:30 p.m., ABC

'Suburgatory'

COMEDY. Halloween is different in the 'burbs, much to the chagrin of urbanites George and Tessa, whose idea of trick or treating doesn't fly with the Botoxed neighbors — even though they look like they're wearing plastic masks every day of the year. **8:30 p.m., ABC**

'Whitechapel'

DRAMA. What could be more ghastly this time of year than a serial killer who seems to be replicating the work of Jack the Ripper? This taut murder mystery stars Rupert Penry-Jones and Phil Davis as detectives investigating the horrific crimes plaguing London's Whitechapel neighborhood.
Series premiere, 10 p.m.
BBC America

'Psych'

COMEDY. Shawn and Gus go vampire hunting. Good thing they've got Lost Boy Corey Feldman and Buffy, aka Kristy Swanson, stopping by as guest stars tonight.
10 p.m., USA

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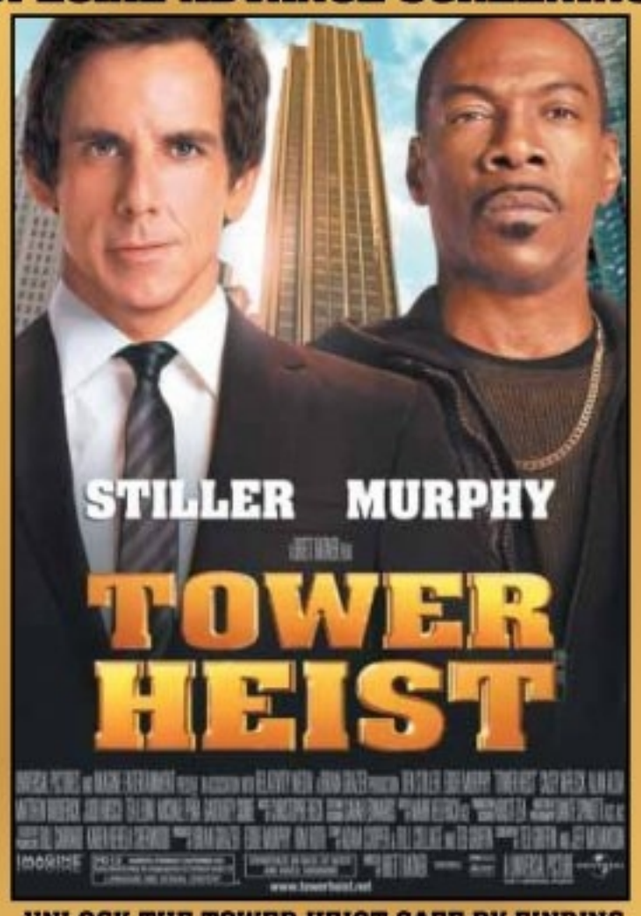

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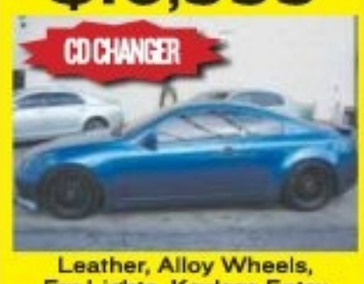

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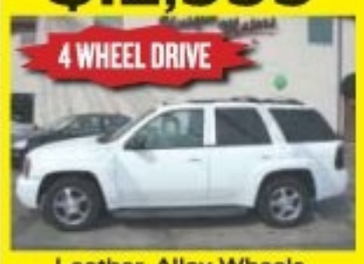

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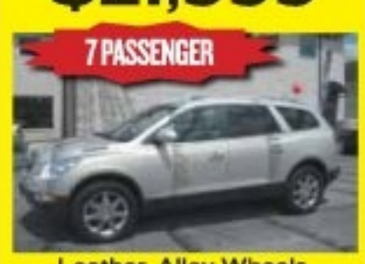

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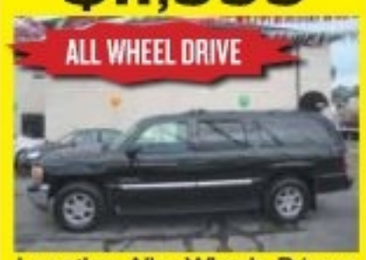

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The importance of 'Being Elmo'

The Muppet doc screens as part of the Philadelphia Film Festival this weekend ◗ Star Kevin Clash on giving a voice to the little red monster

Kevin Clash is not a monster. He has simply lent his voice and movement to one for the past 20 years.

In "Being Elmo," viewers get to meet the man behind one of Sesame Street's most beloved furry creatures. And what a unique man he is, with an against-the-odds backstory as a teenage outcast in Baltimore with a passion for puppets. But that all turned around when Clash got a local gig on a morning TV show, which led to him meeting the puppeteers in Jim Henson's circle. "Being Elmo" footage captures this precious moment in time like a fly on the wall, but it raises the question of how anybody knew to have a fly there.

"That's the question that everybody asks for every film festival we go to," says Clash.

Just so he doesn't have to answer it again as he stands in front of an audience on Friday night at the Philadelphia Film Festival, we'll tell you that the film comes from a PBS-syndicated show called "Big Blue Marble" that aired in the '70s. "We were very lucky that we got that footage, because there's a lot in there about what I was doing at the age of 17," he says.

"Being Elmo" is also full of little-known tidbits, like the fact that Elmo originally spoke like a caveman. "Two puppeteers only did a couple of shows before they stopped performing the character, so nobody really got to know Elmo," says Clash, who certainly altered Elmo's anonymity. "I had about five or six voices that I was comfortable with; and when I saw Elmo, that was the voice that I thought would be right for him."

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Kevin Clash keeps it clean

Though Elmo may be a monster, Clash says the character never swears. Not even when the cameras aren't rolling.

"We know what these characters represent, even if we don't have kids around," he explains about himself and the other puppeteers. "We crack ourselves up, but it's to a limit, so it's always definitely G-rated. ...We respect what Jim [Henson] left with us, which is the wonderful legacy of that Muppet sense of humor that doesn't need to go there."

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Dressed to kill (for candy)

- Our guide for creating the best costume for Halloween
- The pop culture personalities you'll see most in 2011

Remember last Halloween when you vowed to put more time and thought into next year's costume, because so many people had outfits that were way cooler than yours? Time to get going on that promise to yourself.

We interviewed two top experts in Halloween garb: Todd Kenig, CEO of Ricky's NYC, and Pamela Pekerman, accessories and style expert who works with ShopRunner.com. Here are their tips on the hottest costumes of 2011.

Shop your closet:
"Source your closet or your parents' closet," Pekerman says. "Pick up a few accent pieces." You can get away with buying only a few new items to go with your costume if you base it around clothes you already own. "When you play with accessories, you can make it look your own," she says.

A wig makes all the difference:

Ricky's NYC Charlie Sheen costume

"You can get a wig and probably change it up every year to make you look different ways," Pekerman says. "For under 30 dollars you can get a decent wig. Use some product on it. Treat it the way you'd treat your hair."

When buying a costume, shop early and often:
"It's always the trashy ones that go first. You can quote me on that, because it's true," says Pekerman. So don't be the slouch and end up as the only sexy bunny at the party who doesn't have ears and a tail. Pekerman says that ShopRunner.com can ship quickly and offer free shipping for costumes at CostumeExpress.com.

Costume trends

1 Zombies
"We're pushing zombies because zombies seem to be the big thing between 'The Walking Dead' and Brad Pitt making a zombie movie," says Kenig. "It seems to be a hot item right now." Kenig adds that sexy zombies will be big for the ladies as well.

2 Kate and Will
"It was a huge year for the royals," says Pekerman. "I guarantee there's going to be a lot of girls in wedding dresses walking around, a lot of guys looking like Prince William."

3 Headline grabbers
"There's the [Anthony] Weiner mask that we made," says Kenig. "When Weiner was in the news, we decided to make a spoof on him, so that's gotten a lot of press. And then there's the Arnold [Schwarzenegger] we did, which seems to be doing well, and also the Charlie Sheen."

Ricky's NYC zombie costume

4 Reality stars galore
The Kardashians, Real Housewives and yes, Snooki, will be back again. "I think it's still going to be a big year for Snooki," says Pekerman. "With the season just ending, it's really popular and an easy costume to make. All you need to do is the bump-it [and] a fake tan."

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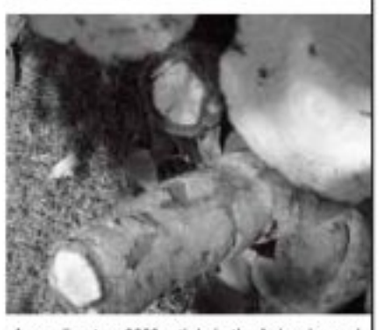
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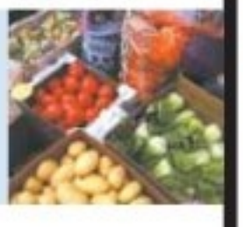

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Vampires and mummies and werewolves — oh yes!

The two lone stars of 'The Mystery of Irma Vep' certainly have their work cut out for them

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▶ Luigi Sottile (left) and Dito van Reigersberg play multiple roles, including Lord Edgar and Lady Enid, in "The Mystery of Irma Vep."

Harriet Power has been studying up on her Gothic horrors lately. Alfred Hitchcock's "Rebecca," the old Universal horror takes on "The Wolfman" and "The Mummy" — all required viewing before attempting to stage playwright Charles Ludlam's penny dreadful satire "The Mystery of Irma Vep."

"The actors and I were stunned by how directly Ludlam drew on certain characters, themes, storylines from those films," says Power, Act II Playhouse's associate artistic director. "It's all there: the fluttering curtains at the window, the fog pouring through the open door, outlines being askew rather than orderly and straight. It reminded me a little bit of Shakespeare, who was unabashed in his range of sources but still created something thoroughly original."

Ludlam's show, which originally opened off-Broadway in 1984, is a parody of Victorian melodrama perfect for Halloween, confronting its cast with vampires, mummies, ghosts and werewolves. Reading the play for the first time, Power thought immediately of Pig Iron Theatre Company co-founder Dito van Reigersberg. "I thought, if Dito's interested, it's a go, and if he can't, I wonder," recalls Power.

Fortunately, van Reigersberg signed on, and along with co-star Luigi Sottile, he'll be put through the paces playing eight characters in what Power calls "painful, dizzyingly short succession."

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Toasting Ralph Lauren

Lincoln Center was abuzz Monday night as a star-studded guest list including Anna Wintour, Martha Stewart and Uma Thurman turned up for "An Evening with Ralph Lauren," hosted by none other than Oprah Winfrey. Winfrey chatted with the iconic designer about his 45-plus years in the industry. "You are one of the top fashion brands in the world. How do you reinvent it?" Winfrey asked, to which Lauren jokingly replied, "You copy." A dinner followed the talk, with the gala raising over $7 million for the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention and the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts.

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Lauren and his old pal, Winfrey

▶ Do you remember your first Ralph Lauren purchase?

"The first thing I ever owned was simple chinos, sort of from grade school. Actually, no, I take that back — someone gave me a Ralph Lauren fragrance when I was born." LAUREN BUSH

▶ Does Oprah still get nervous hosting an event like this?

"No, oh my God, no. She adores Ralph Lauren, they are actually friends. She was very excited to do this for him. Listen, you don't get Oprah out on a school night — but when she was asked by the Ralph Lauren people, there was no question that she would be here tonight." GAYLE KING

▶ What are you hoping Oprah will ask Ralph Lauren?

"'How do you stay on course to your vision?' That is one formula that I want to take back with me." PRABAL GURUNG

▶ What was your first Ralph Lauren piece?

"A blazer. I wear [them] a lot because they fit perfectly and go with everything." CAMILLA BELLE

▶ What do you think 2012 will bring?

"Hopefully better luck for us and for my husband — quieter and no scandals. It's been a tough year." WENDI MURDOCH

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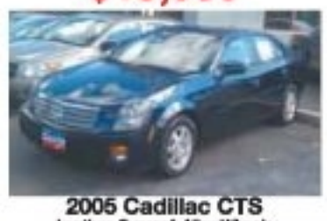
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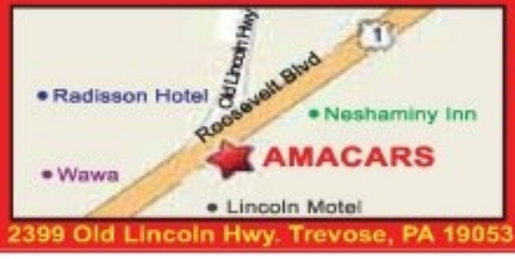

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▶ Get into the Halloween spirit with a pumpkin workout from Philly Sports Club.

1 SPIDER SQUATS
Holding a pumpkin, perform a squat. Place your feet shoulder width apart, abs pulled in. Squat down slowly as you sit back on your heels, keeping good posture with chest up, shoulders back and chin level. Lower as far as you can, keeping knees behind the toes and not going below 90 degrees. Try for three sets of 20.

2 JACK-O'-LANTERN JUMPS
Start standing with feet about six inches apart. Bend knees and sit down to a 90 degree angle. Lift the pumpkin vertically overhead. With a power jump, leap up and take a giant hop forward. Keep the pumpkin straight overhead as you jump to the front, to the sides and to the back. Try for four sets of four.

3 CREEPY CRUNCHES
Lie on your back with hands holding a pumpkin over your chest, feet about two feet apart, flat on the floor, knees bent. To start the exercise, lift your legs vertically, toes pointing toward the ceiling. Next, holding the pumpkin, lift your shoulder blades off the ground and extend pumpkin vertically toward toes. Try for three sets of 20.

4 LURKING LUNGES
Stand in split stance, right leg in front, left leg in back. Holding a pumpkin, extend your arms in front of you. Bend both knees and lower into a lunge, keeping front knee behind the toe and knees at no lower than 90 degree angles. Once lowered, rotate core 90 degrees to the right and then repeat to the left. Try for three sets of 20.

5 TOMBSTONE TWIST
Standing with your feet shoulder width apart and the pumpkin in your hands, extend your arms up and out and hold the pumpkin in front of you. Rotate your arms and upper body from side to side, pivoting your opposite foot for more range of motion. Try for three sets of 20.

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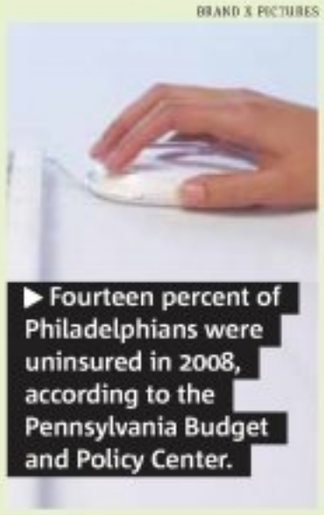

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Getting divorced? Here's your new MO

Divorce coach Lee Block hasn't just seen it all — she's done it twice! Tips for thriving after 'I Don't'

Divorce is one of the most stressful and debilitating processes in life, but Lee Block — a two-time divorcee and the author of "Re-Singled: 12 Truths, Half-Truths, and Untruths of Divorce" — says it doesn't have to be. For anyone caught in the process, here is her guide to retaining mental and physical health while moving on.

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▶ **TAKE SOME 'ME' TIME**
"Whether that's walking, taking a long bath, starting a hobby or doing yoga, it allows you to focus away from what's going on. Yoga or some type of mediation is centering. Do something that will help you start each day fresh."

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▶ **BE ANGRY**
"This is very difficult, but it gets easier with practice. When you see your ex, just say, 'Hello, how are you?' and move on quickly. You don't have to have a conversation."

▶ **SPEAK ANY ILL**
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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You don't want to be wasteful with any of your resources. You may have to say no to someone who is a friend but is known to have trouble with funds.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Should you start to lose your position in a partnership arrangement, it's time to bow out. Once it becomes one-sided, it will be valueless.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** There's a chance that an endeavor that has been fortunate for you is now starting to lose some of its luster. When its promise begins to outweigh what it can deliver, it's time to call it quits.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you start searching for faults in others, others will suddenly examine you closely, as well. When dealing with friends or family, more tolerance and understanding is required.

♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Taking charge of a situation that is beginning to flounder is clearly the best thing to do, but carrying things to extremes is asking for more trouble.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you think you can pick apart another person's opinion and not be challenged, you're in for a big surprise. You'd be smart to simply accept what others have to say.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't leave something in the hands of another that, if handled poorly, could cost you a bundle of money. Indifference to this matter will have you paying the proverbial piper.

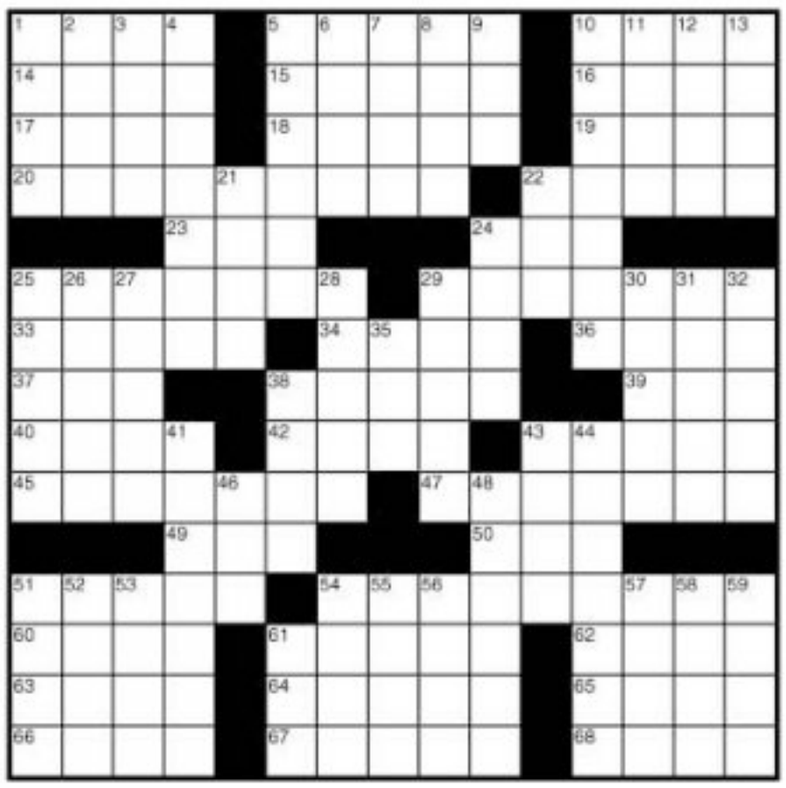
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** More strain than usual could arise in a valued relationship over an issue that each party believes affects him or her personally. Both of you will be more protective than cooperative.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Unless you have a good attitude about your work, it isn't likely you'll do a good job. The end result of an assignment you resent will reflect your malice.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Instead of trying to be the center of attention, relax and let your friends showboat a bit. They will like you more if you let them strut their stuff.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If everything turns out great, you could be the first one to step up and take a bow. Conversely, if things go wrong, you're likely to be the first one pointing a finger.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Do not embellish the facts about what you've accomplished just because you're in the presence of a known achiever. It's likely to produce an opposite impression than you'd like. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Blunder ball: Cards look to bounce back

- St. Louis in do-or-die World Series Game 6 tonight
- Players defend LaRussa
- National media skeptical

Tony La Russa's failure to communicate with his bullpen coach might have cost St. Louis a World Series championship.

That is, if you actually believe La Russa's controversial call to the bullpen. Either way, the Cardinals manager is sticking to his story.

The story goes that La Russa called for Jason Motte and instead got Lance Lynne. That miscommunication left Marc Rzepczynski on the mound against Mike Napoli, who delivered a two-run, eventual game-winning double for the Rangers in a wild, Game 5 Monday night.

La Russa blamed the crowd noise.

"Yeah, well, sometimes real loud, especially when some of the bullpens that are right amidst the fans and excitement," La Russa said. "It happens in Philadelphia. It's hard to hear it there. So it's not unusual."

Not unusual? Even in a pivotal swing game, like Game 5 of the World Series? Sure sounds fishy — and the national media wasn't buying it.

"It happens in Philadelphia. It's hard to hear it there. So it's not unusual. Maybe we need to come up with some ear mikes or something."
TONY LA RUSSA, ON CROWD NOISE AFFECTING CALLS TO THE BULLPEN

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Wins that La Russa, at 2,728, trails John McGraw for second place on MLB's all-time list. If his Cardinals can rally, La Russa would become just the ninth manager to win three World Series titles.

"Truth be told, La Russa's story included too many inconsistencies and raised too many questions to help clarify what happened in that bizarre eighth inning," wrote SI's Tom Verducci. "Somewhere this inning got away from La Russa."

On TV today, Game 6
Rangers at Cardinals, 8:05 p.m. (FOX)

But it's all water under the bridge now. La Russa's Cardinals return home down three games to two in the World Series. A loss and they have an entire offseason to ponder what might have been.

The players insist they haven't lost trust in their future Hall of Fame skipper, and they intend to keep doing the same things that got them to baseball's biggest stage.

"When you're on the mound you can't worry about little things like mechanics and other things, other distractions," said Cardinals starter Jaime Garcia, who takes the mound in Game 6 tonight. "All you've got to do is just try to go out there and battle, just try to give your team a chance."

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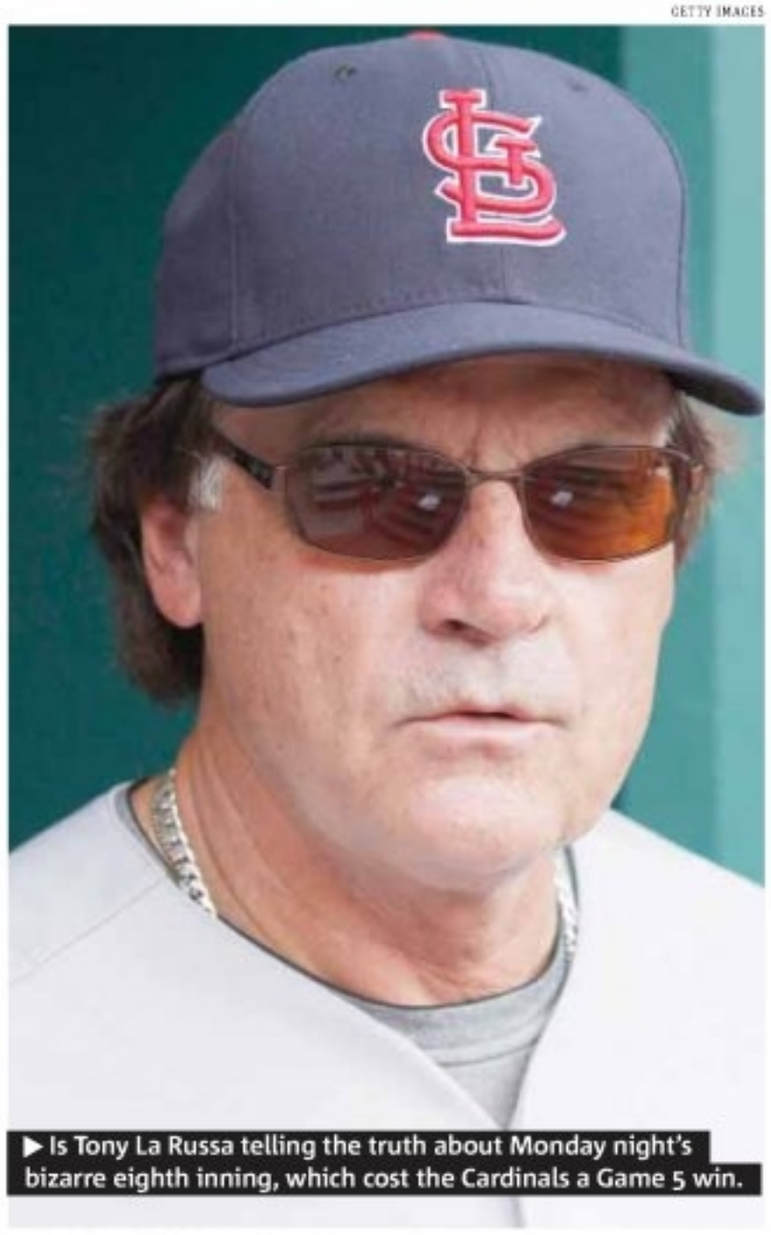

▶ Is Tony La Russa telling the truth about Monday night's bizarre eighth inning, which cost the Cardinals a Game 5 win.

Tough breaks

We tracked down some other tactical moves — blame the manager or player — that helped cost teams World Series titles.

▶ Manuel

- **"It gets through Buckner"** That was the Mets' rallying cry when a slow grounder shot through the legs of Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series. The Sox dropped that game in extras and then lost Game 7. Some blame manager John McNamara for leaving the defensively-challenged Buckner in with a lead.
- **"The Mad Dash"** Another Red Sox lowlight, as Johnny Pesky took his time on a cutoff play and allowed Enos Slaughter to go from first to home on Harry Walker's hit. The run proved to be the winning one in a 4-3 Cardinals' victory in Game 7 of the 1946 World Series.
- **"My Daddy, Part II"** Charlie Manuel's decision to start Pedro Martinez in a do-or-die Game 6 in 2009 was already being debated. Then, the Phillies skipper left Martinez in with the bases loaded to face Hideki Matsui, who had already homered off him. Matsui provided a two-run single that broke the game open.

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HEY TEBOW, DON'T MESS WITH HULKSTER

Opinion

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Growing up outside D.C., I was never a big Howard Stern fan. My parents subscribed to a newspaper, I thumbed through it before driving to school with friends. That all changed in 2000.

Living right outside New York City, I finally got into Stern. Any fan will tell you that they enjoy the cadre of adult film stars who make frequent appearances on the show and one of them — a 19-year-old who "acts" under the alias **Bibi Jones** — generated some buzz in the sports world this past weekend when she tweeted out two photos with a member of the New England Patriots.

Quoted

"What are you gonna do, Tim Tebow, when Hulkamania runs wild on you."
HULK HOGAN

Rob Gronkowski, a 6-foot-6 tight end, was shirtless while Jones was wearing his oversized NFL jersey. Gronkowski isn't a star, but he's a very nice player. Plus, the Patriots had a bye week and the Red Sox aren't in the World Series, so this story generated major buzz in Boston.

Jones became a hot commodity in the talk-radio world, where she practically boasted about "hanging out" with various athletes, including an NHL player named **Paul Bissonnette** and Braves slugger **Dan Uggla**. Uggla is now separated from his wife, so there's that.

Hulk Hogan not buying into Tebow Mania

I think we've got a first in this space: a mention of everyone's favorite 1980s wrestler, **Hulk Hogan**.

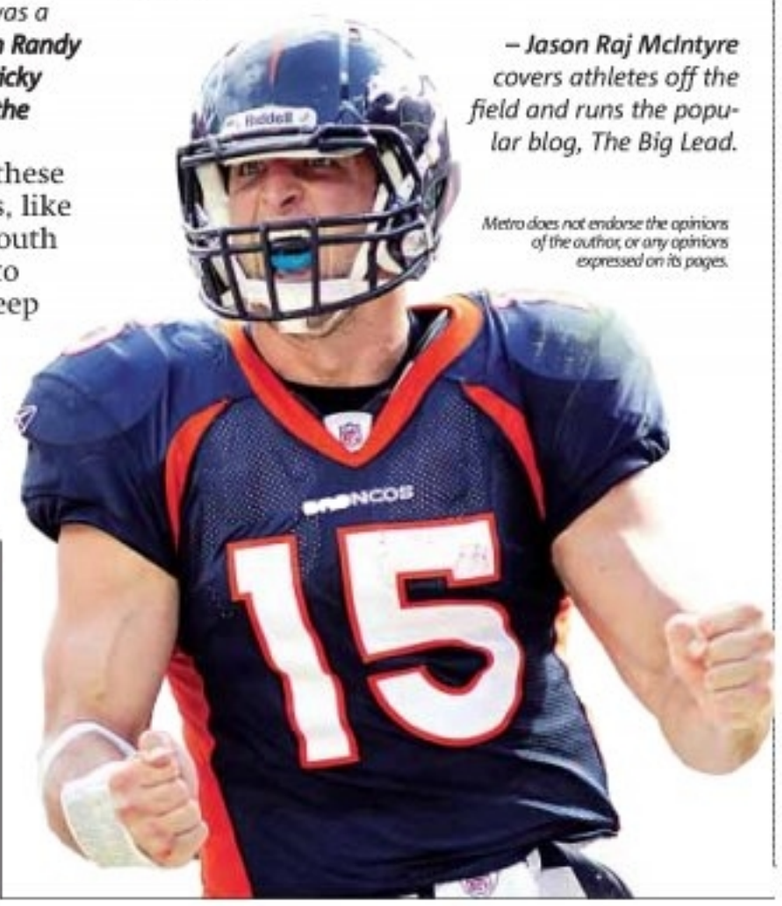
*(Every friend I had from about 1986-1990 was a huge Hogan fan. Some people like **Macho Man Randy Savage**, others like **Koko B. Ware**, some liked **Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat**, but everyone loved **the Hulkster**.)*

Hogan is out of the wrestling game these days. Naturally, he's doing other things, like driving his fleet of cars up and down South Beach, being on a reality show, trying to keep his son out of jail and trying to keep clothes on his daughter.

Also, he ripped everyone's favorite quarterback, Denver's **Tim Tebow**. The rant was nonsensical — *then again, isn't everything that comes out of his mouth?* — and ended with, **"What are you gonna do, Tim Tebow, when Hulkamania runs wild on you?"** Which was Hogan's signature call in the '80s.

Tebow of course, won his first start in incredible fashion, rallying Denver from 15-0 in the fourth quarter to win. An hour later, CBS announcer **Greg Gumbel** was calling the Pittsburgh-Arizona game when, for absolutely no reason, he said, **"I must have been out of the country when people cared what Hulk Hogan thought about anything other than play-acting in a fake sport."**

That's what the kids these days call a sick burn.



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TE Rob Gronkowski's bye week was good enough to keep the Pats in the top 2. Tom Brady and Co. come off a five-day hiatus riding a three-game winning streak.

3 49ERS (5-1)
While Niners were relaxing by the bay — and coach Jim Harbaugh was practicing his handshakes, no doubt — the two teams ahead of them suffered uncharacteristic losses.

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4 SAINTS (5-2)
Give Drew Brees the "beefy mac." You won't like him without it. Right opponent [Colts] at right time? Sure. But high-powered Saints are back in control of tough NFC South.

5 CHARGERS (4-2)
Had a real shot to silence critics with big win [against Jets], but couldn't get it done. Then, they complained about the refs.

6 RAVENS (4-2)
Is there something bad brewing in the Charm City? Terrell Suggs called out the offensive play-calling after inexcusable loss to the Jags.

7 STEELERS (5-2)
The team once thought to be "too old, too slow" now finds itself in first place. A win against the Patriots this weekend would do wonders. Never count the Steelers out.

8 TEXANS (4-3)
Was that the Hogs leading the way for Arian Foster and Ben Tate? Texans needed a signature win and got one, stampeding the Titans, 41-7.

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GM: Pronger 'progressing well' after scary incident

It could have been a lot worse.

That was the conclusion from both the Flyers and fans regarding Chris Pronger's latest injury.

The Flyers captain took a stick above the right eye in Monday night's win. Pronger covered his face, and then he left the ice with blood on his face and uniform.

Flyers GM Paul Holmgren informed the media that Pronger is on strict bed rest for the next three days, but he is "progressing very well." He is expected to miss 10-14 days.

"Injuries are a part of it," admitted Flyers coach Peter Laviolette. "Every team goes through it. You have to deal with it and you have to get by. We'd much rather have him in there; he's a world-class defenseman."

The Flyers went 16-9-7 in 32 games without Pronger last season. The team takes on the Canadiens today (7:30 p.m., CSN) in Montreal. METRO

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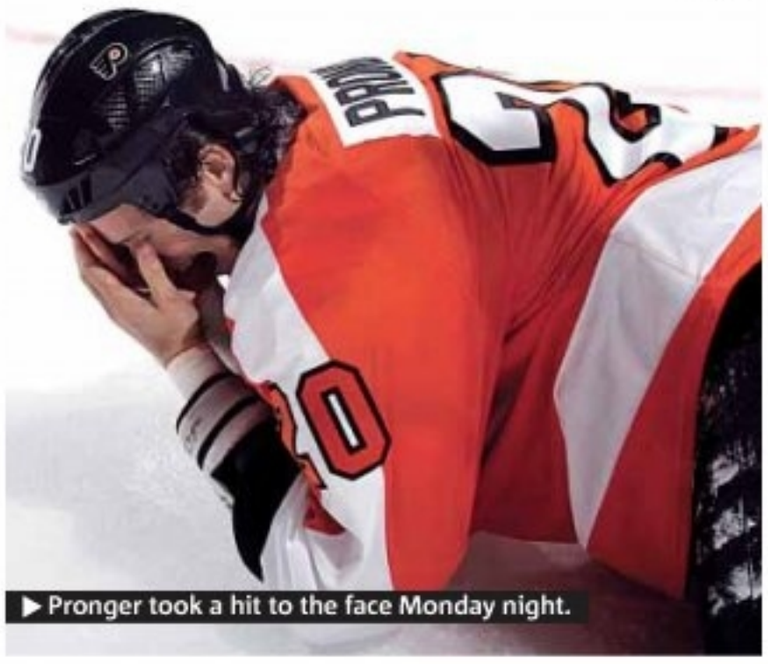

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Create a centerpiece with freaky literature
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Adding fun and color to your kitchen

One of two twin Brits behind stylish homeware line Joseph Joseph tells us about his must-have cooking tools Our shopping list just got smarter

Chances are, the colorful chopping boards and bright salad bowls that jump out at you from aisles of boring steel home products are courtesy of Joseph Joseph.

"We understood that you need functional products, but you got to make them look cool because functional products usually look awful," says Richard Joseph, who along with his twin brother, Antony, launched a line of stylish, award-winning kitchenware in 2003.

And though their products are sleek and smart (just check out their Elevate tools, below right, to see what we mean) they're affordable enough for young pseudo-cooks like you.

"We cook, but [we] like casual cooking. We love to entertain, and we don't take cooking too seriously," says Joseph. "So we want our products to be durable and fun. Our products are much more about allowing people to have [a good time] with their cooking."

Five products in his kitchen

1 "The idea is that you can chop on this cutting board that has a handle. When you squeeze the handle, it turns into a chute and then you can pour the food on your board directly into a pot." **Joseph Joseph Chop2Pot, $16, www.josephjoseph.com**

2 "These are classic French kitchen knives. I think the design is iconic. They're stunningly beautiful; and when you hold one, it's very well-balanced, which is very important." **Sabatier cooking knife, $46, www.sabatier.us**

3 "Microplane uses a particular type of metal on their graters, and it's amazing. It is really sharp and does really fine grates. They are so superior to others on the market." **Microplane Artisan series grater, $10, www.microplane.com**

4 "You know we drink a lot of tea in the U.K., so a kettle is an important piece of kitchen equipment. I like Michael Graves' Whistling Bird Kettle. When the water boils it whistles a chime, like a bird." **Alessi Michael Graves Whistling Bird Kettle, $175, www.amazon.com**

5 "Initially, we were designing for small kitchens where you have small, square sinks. So we maximized the size of the strain of the colander by making it square. Also, the design of the handle is very ergonomic and easy to use. I have it in lime green. I love lime green in my kitchen." **Joseph Joseph Square Colander, $8, www.josephjoseph.com**

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